

A silhouette of a shepherd in a long robe and hood, holding a crook, stands on a grassy hill. Three sheep are visible: one lying down on the left, and two standing to the right. The background is a soft gradient from yellow to blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

INTRO TO BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

8 Foundations for Spiritual growth

- Grace as the cornerstone
- Gospel/salvation
- Identity in Christ
- View of God
- Ministry of the Spirit
- Word of God
- Participation in body life
- Worship

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- Our view of the importance of the bride of Christ, the church, will shape the seriousness with which we approach training for and participating in leadership in the body.
- Discipleship Foundation: A high regard for the body of Christ, the Church, and our place in the body.
 - Is there a demonstrated desire to be used by God to impact others and for others to impact my life? Seeing this value at work necessitates time spent within the family of God, using our particular gifts and talents to build one another up in the faith. Ephesians 4:11-16 | 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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- Define “body life”: Engagement within the local group of believers, impacting one another in Christ-like thinking, attitudes and actions for the benefit of one another and the glory of God.

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- Why is this a leadership topic? What is so important from the leader's perspective?
 - God desires that He be glorified through the means of a group of believers gathering together, functioning as He directs, impacting each other, and reaching out to a lost world.

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- What are some of the values that need to be considered?
 - Growth occurs best (“best” defined by what provides good, consistent, stable growth, founded in the Word and lived out as an example. 1 Tim 4:16 “save yourself and those who hear you.”, 2 Tim 2:2 “among many witnesses”) in the context of one another. In this context, different views are challenged and solidified, beliefs are given a context to practice, gifting is exercised, growth and maturity is modeled.

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- What are some of the values that need to be considered?
 - Independence is a core value in our culture.
 - Leaders need to use their gifting and encourage the body in the same. Human leadership then becomes the tangible way in which Christ leads each specific local church. They function in shepherding, overseeing, serving as examples, holding fast to the Word, caring for people.

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- Some key passages to explain the principle of body life.
 - Heb. 10:24-25 - stir up one another to love and good works, not forsaking the assembling together but rather exhorting one another.
 - Eph. 4:11-16 - leaders given to equip the body to do the work of ministry so that all are edified.
 - 1 Cor. 12:4-28 gifting given for the sake of the body.
 - Phil. 4:2-3 - same mindedness implored and help given to accomplish that.
 - 1 Pete 4:10 - use your gifting as good stewards
 - Rom. 12:1-18 gifting and other body admonitions.

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- 1 Tim 4:12 Let no man despise your youth; but be an example to the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.